

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**BRANDON EARL BANKSTON,**

**Defendant.**

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**CR 23-73-GF-BMM**

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF  
FORFEITURE**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United State' Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture. The Court having read the Motion and being fully advised in the premises finds:

THAT the defendant, Brandon Early Bankston, pled guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, which provides a factual basis and cause to issue a forfeiture order forfeiting the various electronic devices described in the Indictment under 18 U.S.C. § 2253(a).

THAT prior to the disposition of the asset, the United States Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, or a designated sub-custodian, is required to seize the forfeited property.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, DECREED AND ADJUDGED:**

THAT Bankston's interest in the following property is forfeited to the United States in accordance with 21 U.S.C. § 853:

- All property listed in the Appendix to the Plea Agreement, (Doc. 20-1);

THAT the United States Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, or a designated sub-custodian, is directed to seize the property subject to forfeiture and further to make a return as provided by law;

THAT the United States will provide written notice to all third parties asserting a legal interest in any of the above-described property and will post on an official government internet site ([www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov)) for at least 30 consecutive days as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, of the Court's Preliminary Order and the United States' intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, pursuant to Title 26, United States Code, Section 5872(b), and to make its return to this Court that such action has been completed;

THAT upon adjudication of all third-party interests, if any, the Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture.

DATED this 31st day of October, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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Brian Morris, Chief District Judge  
United States District Court